



# Paris Air Show - 15-21 June 2015

Office of Defense Cooperation, US Embassy Paris



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**Welcome to the Office of Defense Cooperation's Paris Air Show Planning Guide.** Our mission is to facilitate the long-term U.S. - French defense relationship by promoting cooperation and interoperability between U.S., NATO, and French forces and defense industrial sectors. To this end, we are ready to assist all official DoD / US Government guests in establishing contact with our host nation's military acquisition and industry leaders, in addition to the significant number of global industry and government representatives who will be present at the show.

The Paris Air Show is an occasion to promote U.S. security interests and illustrate our commitment to NATO and allied interoperability. It also offers an excellent opportunity to forge coalition partnerships for the future. America's defense industries play a significant role in this effort as they display their newest products to a worldwide audience.

**PARIS AIR SHOW 2015:** This year marks the 51<sup>st</sup> Paris Air Show, known locally as *Le Salon du Bourget*. The venue is Le Bourget Airport, the very site where Charles Lindbergh landed after the first trans-Atlantic flight over 80 years ago. Today, Le Bourget plays host to the world's oldest and largest air & space industry exhibition to be held 15-21 June, 2015, the 106<sup>th</sup> year of the show. This year, it is anticipated that over 3,000 worldwide vendors will participate and over one hundred countries will be represented by high-level delegations.

## IMPORTANT! 3 Actions Required

**Action #1 - Register with ODC France:** Use this form to register your participation with ODC France:

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/index.cfm?i=223236&k=0063410B7851>

**Action #2 - Reserve your Hotel Room:** Use the link that ODC France will send you via email upon completion of your registration form for the official DoD / US Government hotel: The Meridien. You will make your reservations directly with the hotel. Further information is below in Section 1.

**Action #3 - Submit your Country Clearance and obtain appropriate passport and visa:** further information below in Section 3.

## INFORMATION

### 2. Welcome Desk: [Back to top](#)

Check-in will be assisted at the Meridien Hotel, 81 Boulevard Gouvion-Saint-Cyr, 75017 Paris, France on Sunday, 14 June, with the presence of the ODC France Welcome Desk in the main lobby from 0900 to 1800. This should facilitate your check-in and provide the opportunity to acquire up-to-date information regarding the show. ODC France will distribute welcome packets, including individual show badges, a welcome packet and Paris visitor's information to all registered official DoD / US Government visitors at that time, regardless of whether you have a room reserved at the Meridien Hotel. **Badges will not be distributed by mail or on-site at the show.**

### 3. Passport, Visa, and Country Clearances [Back to top](#)

**Passports** All official DoD / US Government visitors are required to comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/>. Unlike other European countries, official visitors on non-NATO business are required to travel to France on their 'no-fee' passports. (i.e. 'official' or 'diplomatic') If you do not have a valid 'no-fee' passport, you need to obtain one prior to your departure.

**Visas** All official DoD / US Government visitors also required to **obtain a no-fee visa** for their visit to France for the Paris Air Show. Again, please review and comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide.

\*\*\*Note, for uniformed service members, travelling on NATO orders is acceptable **with a valid military picture Identification Card.**

**Country Clearances** All DoD official visitors to France must submit a request for country clearance through APACS. The Defense Attaché Office (DAO) is responsible for approving APACS. Questions should be directed to the DAO mail box at [PARISDAO@STATE.GOV](mailto:PARISDAO@STATE.GOV).

Non-DoD personnel may use the electronic Country Clearance (eCC) system at <http://ecc.state.gov> The Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) has approving authority for eCC.

Country clearance requests should be processed as soon as possible, but NLT 10 May 2015. When filling out your Country Clearance, please make sure that you use the words: 'Paris Air Show 2015' as the 'purpose' of your stay in France.

It is advisable to maintain photocopies of your travel documents (passport, visa, or travel orders & ID) in case of loss or theft.

#### **4. Schedule of Events** [Back to top](#)

\*\*\*Additional Information will be published in this section as it becomes available.

*Sunday, 14 June*

09.00 - 18.00 ODC France Welcome Desk - Meridien

*Monday, 15 June - Day 1 Uniform for military: Class A / Service Dress*

06:30 - 07:30 - Breakfast at Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Meridien Hotel for show site

08.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors

time tbd - Paris Air Show official opening ceremony

16:00 - Bus departs show site for Meridien Hotel

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors

18.30 - US Ambassador's Gold Room official reception (invitation only)

19.00 - US Ambassador's official reception (invitation only)

*Tuesday, 16 June - Day 2 Uniform for military: Class Bs / Blues (Class Cs for USMC)*

06:30 - 07:30 - Breakfast at Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Meridien Hotel for show site

08.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors

16:00 - Bus departs show site for Meridien Hotel

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors

*Wednesday, 19 June - Day 3 Uniform for military: Class Bs / Blues (Class Cs for USMC)*

06:30 - 07:30 - Breakfast at Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Meridien Hotel for show site

08.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors

16:00 - Bus departs show site for Meridien Hotel

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors

*Thursday, 20 June - Day 4 Uniform for military: Class Bs / Blues (Class Cs for USMC)*

06:30 - 07:30 - Breakfast at Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Meridien Hotel for show site

08.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors

16:00 - Bus departs show site for Meridien Hotel

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors

*Friday, 21 June - Day 5 Uniform for military: n/a*

06:30 - 07:30 - Breakfast at Hotel

08.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors and to general public

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors and to general public

*Saturday, 22 June - Day 6 Uniform for military: n/a*

08.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors and to general public

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors and to general public

*Sunday, 23 June - Day 7 Uniform for military: n/a*

08.30 - Paris Air Show open to trade visitors and to general public

18.00 - Paris Air Show closes to trade visitors and to general public

\*\*\*This program is subject to further changes

## **5. Show Badges** [Back to top](#)

An official Paris Air Show badge is required to gain entry to the exhibition site at Le Bourget. ODC France will process badges for official DoD/US Government visitors upon receipt of a valid Country Clearance Message. To ensure you receive a badge, submit your country clearance request as soon as possible. These badges will be distributed at the ODC France Welcome Desk at the Meridien Etoile hotel on the Saturday and Sunday before the show commences. (details in section 1 above)

\*\*\*Note: The Paris Air Show's organizers may demand a government-issued photo ID (DoD CAC Card, Passport, Driver's License, etc) be presented to permit entrance to the show site.

## **6. Uniform Policy** [Back to top](#)

On Day 1, Monday 15 June 2015, all US military in attendance are expected to dress in service Class A, with jacket and tie or equivalent. On all other days of the trade show, all military can anticipate Class B, short sleeve, open collar (Class C for USMC). For civilian attendees, normal daily attire is business suit with tie. Depending on the host and venue, evening events can be either in Class A / Service Dress or business suit with tie.

Uniformed service members are prohibited from using public transportation in/around Paris *while in uniform*. Transportation will be provided to/from Le Bourget to accommodate our uniformed service members supporting the show.

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We will provide bus transportation to and from the show from Monday through Thursday of the show. Transit to the show can take between 45 – 90 minutes depending on traffic conditions. Uniforms can be worn on the busses to and from the show. We will put out more information at the Welcome Desk on Sunday 14 June.

Transportation to the show from the hotel via public transit or taxis is easily accessible. For those who have never visited or are unfamiliar with subway/train (RER) use, visit the Paris public transportation website: <http://www.ratp.fr/>. This website can provide directions from your hotel to any address in Paris.

Further information about transportation can be found within the welcome packet you will receive upon arrival.

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Official and industry receptions are by invitation only. Reception hosts will contact you directly if you are invited to these events. Transportation to/from these private events is not provided through ODC France. For those in uniform, taxis are recommended means of transportation as outlined above. Spouses are typically not invited to attend private receptions.

\*\*\*ODC would like to call your attention to an issue that might require some advance planning and coordination on the part of many of our senior visitors. Business is often conducted at the Paris Air Show over meals, and many companies will schedule their most important meetings over lunch. This means that many of our senior visitors will likely be invited to hosted working lunches during the show. The regulations covering participation in hosted meals in France are different from those in CONUS. EUCOM Legal has provided us the following reference from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) dealing with meals provided in an overseas location. If you have any questions, please coordinate with your legal office.

“Meals, refreshments and entertainment in foreign areas may be accepted ‘in the course of a breakfast, luncheon, dinner or other meeting or event . . .’ if all of the following apply:

1. Market value of gift does not exceed maximum per diem rate for the foreign area (current maximum per diem rate for Paris: \$548).
2. Includes participation by non-U.S. citizens or representatives of foreign governments or other foreign entities.
3. Attendance is part of employee’s official duties.
4. Gift is not from a foreign government. 5 CFR 2635.204(i).”

ODC anticipates that most, if not all, scheduled lunches will meet the above criteria.

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The US embassy is neither a service facility nor open to the public. Access is controlled for security reasons and limited to official business only.

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Additional Paris Air Show 2015 information is available at the following sites:

Paris Air Show 2015 show organizer's home page in English:

<http://www.paris-air-show.com/en>

State Department travel information for France:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3842.htm>

English language information about France:

<http://www.francetourism.com/>

Local transportation information:

<http://www.ratp.fr/>

<http://www.airfrance.com/>

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Please address all initial contact to ODC France by email at: <[odcfrtradeshows@state.gov](mailto:odcfrtradeshows@state.gov)>

Please read this informational webpage in its entirety before contacting ODC France with questions.